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In re Patent Application of:  
Edward Alan Higginbotham

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For: Non Clogging Screen

Examiner: N. N. Slack

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response being extended to January 24, 2005, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 23 of this paper, a complete set of all drawings have been included.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.

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